

require underground utilities for new construction and substantial improvements to existing structures.

POLICY

The Town opposes the placement of public and multi-service energy facilities other than carefully planned substations within Town borders and supports the placement of utility lines underground.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The Town will oppose the siting of public and multi-service energy facilities in the Town with the exception of carefully planned substations through lobbying efforts and the adoption of local regulations as necessary. It will enforce the underground utilities ordinance for new construction and substantial improvements to existing structures. Alternative energy facilities that commonly serve individual dwellings and structures will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

12. Tourism

BACKGROUND

Tourism is recognized as the backbone of the Kill Devil Hills economy. As the year-round population continues to grow, the seasonal population surge becomes greater each year. A service economy has also developed and a number of community leaders have begun a program to sponsor "season extender" special events that are scheduled just prior to or shortly after the traditional tourist season. These events help keep the service economy operational for a month or two longer. Support for tourism continues to be strong in Kill Devil Hills.

A policy identical to the policy which follows was included in the 1993 Update and the strategies for its implementation c also identical c were partially carried out by the Town. The Town did not submit a resolution to legislators supporting tourism as an industry.

POLICY